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O-OH! THERE'S DORIS!
WHAT IS **SHE** DOING
HERE IN CAMP? DID
BILL INVITE HER
TOO? SOBE
OH NO!

See-
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I HAD WRITTEN A LETTER REVEALING A SECRET THAT COULDN'T BE EXPOSED, A CONFESSION THAT WOULD HAVE SHATTERED LEE BURTON'S LOVE FOR ME! AND THEN, SUDDENLY, THE LETTER WAS ON ITS WAY TO LEE, THE ONE MAN WHO MUST NEVER KNOW THE SHAMEFUL TRUTH! WHAT WOULD HE DO WHEN MY OWN WORDS ACCUSED ME OF BEING...

Unfaithful to my Marine



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LEE BURTON AND I HAD BEEN CHILDHOOD SWEETHEARTS ALMOST SINCE THE DAY HIS FAMILY MOVED INTO THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR! I KNEW A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL WAS INEVITABLE, BUT DIDN'T COME UNTIL THE NIGHT BEFORE LEE WAS TO LEAVE FOR MARINE SERVICE!

THIS IS OUR LAST EVENING TOGETHER, DONNA! TOMORROW I'LL BE HEADING FOR PARTS UNKNOWN!

I HOPE IT WON'T BE FOR LONG! I'M GOING TO MISS YOU TERRIBLY, LEE!



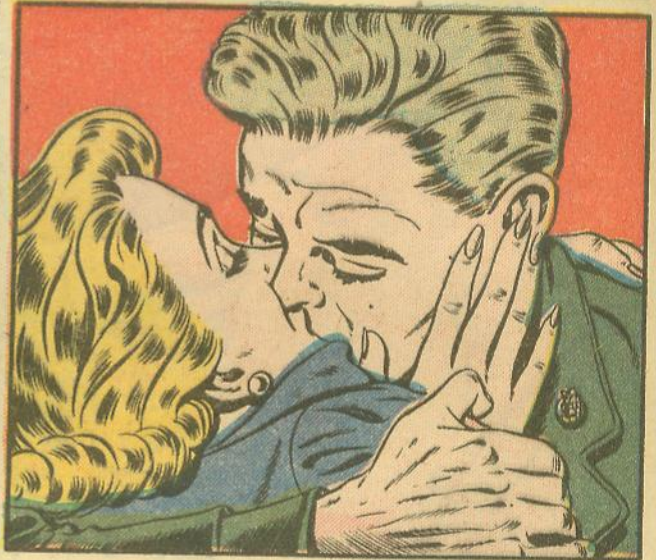
I'LL MISS YOU, TOO! AND I'LL BE WORRYING ABOUT THE OTHER FELLOWS WHO'LL COME SWARMING AROUND THE MINUTE I'M GONE! I DON'T MIND ADMITTING I'M JEALOUS, HONEY!

YOU DON'T THINK I'D DATE ANYONE ELSE WHILE YOU'RE GONE!



YOU WOULDN'T IF YOU HAD PROMISED TO MARRY ME! I'D LIKE THAT PROMISE, DONNA, TONIGHT!

OH, LEE! LEE, DARLING, OF COURSE! I'LL WEAR YOUR CLASS RING AND... I'LL TELL EVERYONE WE'RE ENGAGED!



MY PROMISE TO MARRY LEE WAS SEALED WITH A KISS THAT LINGERED UPON MY LIPS LONG AFTER HE WAS GONE! AND FOR MONTHS AFTERWARD I SPENT EVERY EVENING WRITING TO LEE, KEEPING ALIVE HIS DREAMS FOR OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!

GOOD HEAVENS, DONNA, CAN'T YOU MAIL THAT LETTER ON YOUR WAY TO WORK TOMORROW?

NOPE! IT'LL GET TO LEE A DAY SOONER IF I GET TO THE POST OFFICE BEFORE TEN!



AND IF MY LETTERS ARE AS IMPORTANT TO LEE AS THE ONES HE WRITES ARE TO ME, EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! SEE YOU IN A LITTLE WHILE, MOM!

SEEMS TO ME YOU'D WANT TO GO OUT AND HAVE A LITTLE FUN ONCE IN A WHILE, DONNA! I'M SURE LEE DOESN'T EXPECT YOU TO SPEND ALL YOUR TIME WRITING LETTERS!



I WOULDN'T HAVE FUN WITHOUT LEE! I FEEL CLOSER TO HIM WHEN I STAY HOME AND READ HIS LETTERS AND WRITE ABOUT ALL OUR PLANS!



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NO, I WASN'T INTERESTED IN GOOD TIMES OR OTHER MEN! BUT ONE MORNING, AT THE TV STATION WHERE I WORKED AS A RECEPTIONIST, I HEARD THE SHOCKING NEWS THAT ANOTHER MAN WAS INTERESTED IN ME!

I GET A BIG KICK OUT OF THE WAY WARREN ROGERS AVOIDS YOU! POOR GUY'S GOT SUCH A BAD CASE THAT YOU POSITIVELY FRIGHTEN HIM, DONNA!

WARREN ROGERS? BUT... HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW ME! HE'S THE ONE ENGINEER AROUND THIS PLACE THAT DOESN'T FLIRT WHEN HE PASSES MY DESK!



A MAN DOESN'T WASTE TIME WITH IDLE FLIRTING WHEN HE'S REALLY IN LOVE WITH A GIRL! I GUESS HE KNOWS YOU'RE ENGAGED TO SOMEONE ELSE AND HE FIGURES IT'S HOPELESS!

I...I DON'T BELIEVE IT! YOU'RE JUST... IMAGINING THINGS, JUDY!



BUT THOUGH I DENIED JUDY'S WORDS, I BECAME MORE AND MORE AWARE OF THEIR TRUTH AS THE DAYS WENT BY! EVERY GLANCE TOLD ME THAT WARREN WAS IN LOVE...DESPERATELY IN LOVE WITH ME!

WARREN DOESN'T TAKE HIS EYES OFF ME WHEN I WALK INTO THE STUDIO! I HOPE JUDY'S WRONG ABOUT HIM, BUT I'M BEGINNING TO WONDER!



AND ON THE FEW OCCASIONS I HAD TO TALK WITH WARREN, THE TRUTH BECAME MORE OBVIOUS!

HERE'S YOUR COPY OF THE WEEK'S SPOT ANNOUNCEMENT SCHEDULE, WARREN! I'M TAKING CARE OF THE LOG WHILE OUR TRAFFIC GAL IS ON VACATION!

ER...THANKS! I NOTICE YOU STAYED LATE LAST EVENING TO GET IT TYPED!



I DIDN'T MIND STAYING! I'M A SLOW TYPIST, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO DO EVENINGS AND I LIKE TO HELP OUT!

I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO DO IN THE EVENING, EITHER! I USUALLY WIND UP GOING TO A MOVIE BY MYSELF!



THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO GO ALONE, WARREN! LOTS OF NICE GIRLS IN THIS TOWN AND YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE THE SHY, RETIRING TYPE WHO'D BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR A DATE!

MAYBE I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THE GIRLS WHO'D BE WILLING TO ACCEPT A DATE! THE GIRL I GO FOR IS...DATED UP FOR LIFE!

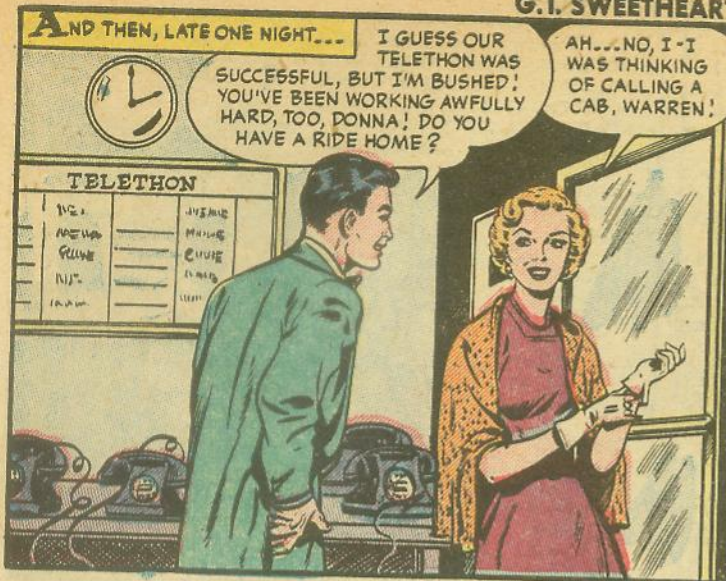


WHEW! I'M AFRAID YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT WARREN! HONESTLY, I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM, JUDY! I CAN'T ENCOURAGE HIM AND YET I HATE TO IGNORE HIM COMPLETELY! HE LOOKED SO HURT JUST NOW!

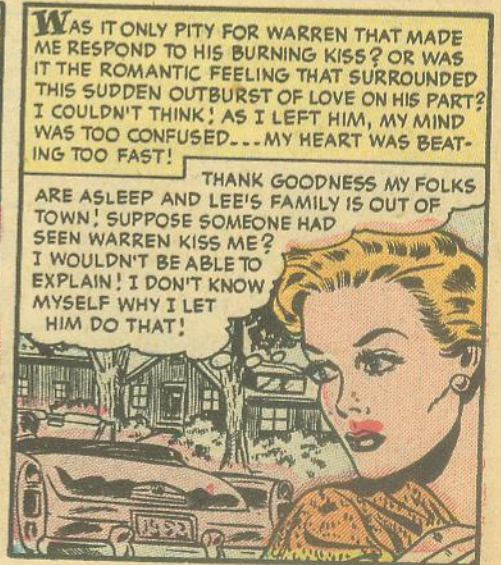
I GUESS HE'S BEING NOBLE AND SUFFERING IN SILENCE, POOR GUY!



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WARREN AND I TALKED ABOUT TRIVIAL THINGS AS HE DROVE ME HOME, BUT I COULD TELL HE WAS ILL AT EASE; AND FINALLY, JUST AS WE APPROACHED MY HOME, HE BROKE DOWN AND CONFESSED THE TRUTH! OVERCOME WITH PITY FOR HIM, I LISTENED AS HE POURED OUT HIS STORY!



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AND LONG
AFTERWARD...



HE WAS SO GENTLE ONE MOMENT, SO DEMANDING THE NEXT! HE SAID NO ONE HAS EVER LOVED ME THE WAY HE DOES! WHY DID HIS KISS AFFECT ME THIS WAY? COULD IT BE THAT I'M FALLING IN LOVE WITH WARREN?

I AVOIDED WARREN AT THE STUDIO THE NEXT DAY! WHEN I GOT HOME FROM WORK, MY MARRIED SISTER, SUSAN, WAS AT THE HOUSE VISITING AND THE FIRST THING SHE DID WAS TO HAND ME THE DAY'S MAIL! READING THAT PRECIOUS LETTER FROM LEE CONVINCED ME THAT I HAD BEEN A FOOL TO EVEN CONSIDER LOVING ANYONE ELSE!

WE COULD HAVE GIVEN DONNA A PLATE OF SAWDUST, MOM, AND SHE WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN THE DIFFERENCE! YOO, HOO, SIS! COME OFF THAT CLOUD!

SAVE YOUR BREATH, SUSAN! WHEN SHE GETS A LETTER FROM LEE, DAD AND I DON'T EVEN BOTHER TALKING TO HER UNTIL SHE HAS IT MEMORIZED!



I'M GOING TO BE AROUND ANOTHER HOUR OR SO, HONEY! YOU RUN ALONG AND ANSWER LEE'S LETTER AND I'LL HELP WITH THE DISHES!

THANKS, SUSAN! I... I AM RATHER ANXIOUS TO WRITE A LETTER TONIGHT!



BUT THE LETTER I SAT DOWN TO WRITE WASN'T ADDRESSED TO LEE!

DEAR WARREN, I MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE LAST NIGHT AND I'M SORRY NOW! I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU, BUT I THINK IT'S BEST THAT WE DON'T SEE EACH OTHER ANY MORE!



THIS SOUNDS TERRIBLY BRUSQUE, AS THOUGH I HAD NO CONSIDERATION FOR WARREN'S FEELINGS AT ALL! I WOULDN'T WANT HIM TO DO ANYTHING RASH! MAYBE IT WOULD HELP IF I EXPLAINED THAT HE COULD HAVE MEANT SOMETHING TO ME IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR LEE!



AND SO...

I WON'T DENY THAT YOUR KISS THRILLED ME! PERHAPS I COULD HAVE RETURNED YOUR LOVE, BUT I OWE MY LOYALTY TO SOMEONE ELSE AND UNLESS WE CAN AVOID EACH OTHER, I'LL BE FORCED TO QUIT MY JOB! TRY TO UNDERSTAND, WARREN!



I PUT THE LETTER INTO AN ENVELOPE, ABSENT MINDLY WROTE LEE'S NAME ON IT, BUT BEFORE I HAD A CHANCE TO ADDRESS IT...

YOU MUST HAVE WRITTEN A BOOK TO LEE! THERE'S A PHONE CALL FOR YOU DOWNSTAIRS IF YOU CAN TEAR YOURSELF AWAY, SIS!

I'M ALL THROUGH EXCEPT FOR THE ADDRESS! THAT MUST BE ONE OF THE GIRLS FROM THE STATION CALLING ABOUT TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE!



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ABOUT TEN MINUTES LATER...

GOODNESS! YOU WERE ON THAT PHONE LONG ENOUGH! SUSAN HAD TO LEAVE AND SHE SAID TO SAY GOOD-BYE!

OH, I'M SORRY! BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WHEN GIRLS GET TO TALKING! I DIDN'T EVEN SEE SUSAN LEAVE THE HOUSE!

BUT AS I RETURNED TO MY BED-ROOM TO ADDRESS THE LETTER TO WARREN...

IT'S GONE! I KNOW I LEFT THAT LETTER HERE! MAYBE IT...IT BLEW OUT THE WINDOW!

OR MAYBE IT'S BEHIND THE DESK! NO... NO, IT'S NOT HERE! I'LL HAVE TO LOOK FOR IT OUTSIDE! IT'S NOT ADDRESSED AND ANYONE COULD FIND IT AND OPEN IT! MAYBE EVEN... THE BURTONS NEXT DOOR!

I'VE NEVER TOLD MOM OR ANYONE ABOUT WARREN! IF ANYBODY READ THAT LETTER, THEY'D THINK I'VE BEEN HAVING A SECRET ROMANCE! I WROTE ABOUT KISSING HIM... MADE IT SOUND LIKE I ONLY GAVE HIM UP BECAUSE I FEEL SORRY FOR LEE!

AND ADDED TO MY PANIC WAS THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF LEE'S MOTHER! HAD SHE FOUND THE LETTER? I HAD ALL I COULD DO TO SUPPRESS A SIGH OF RELIEF AFTER SHE ASKED A QUESTION!

I WONDERED WHO'D BE OUT HERE WITH A FLASHLIGHT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DEAR, PLANNING NEXT YEAR'S TULIP GARDEN?

OH, NO, I... I DROPPED SOMETHING FROM MY BED-ROOM WINDOW! I...HAD A PAIR OF EARRINGS ON THE WINDOWSILL AND...THEY FELL WHILE I WAS DUSTING!

WE'LL LOOK AROUND FOR THEM IN THE MORNING, DONNA! YOU CAN'T FIND ANYTHING AT NIGHT, ESPECIALLY A SMALL OBJECT!

I...GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! I'M SURE THEY'LL TURN UP LATER!

BY THE WAY, WE GOT A LETTER FROM LEE TODAY! LOOKS LIKE HE HAS A BIG SURPRISE IN STORE FOR YOU, DONNA! BUT I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT!

NO, DON'T SPOIL IT! I LOVE SURPRISES! ER... I GOT A LETTER TODAY, TOO, BUT HE DIDN'T MENTION ANYTHING LIKE THAT!

IS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION, OR DID LEE'S MOTHER SOUND SUSPICIOUS? SHE ACTED LIKE SHE WAS HINTING AT SOMETHING WHEN SHE TALKED ABOUT A SURPRISE FROM LEE! WHAT IF SHE FOUND THAT LETTER?

WHAT WERE YOU DOING OUTSIDE, DONNA?



OH... JUST TALKING TO LEE'S MOTHER! ER... SHE GOT A LETTER FROM HIM TODAY, TOO!

SUSAN GOT THE BIGGEST BANG OUT OF THE WAY YOU TRY TO GET LETTERS TO THE POST OFFICE AT A CERTAIN TIME TO SAVE A DAY! THAT'S WHY SHE ADDRESSED THAT LETTER OF YOURS! I GAVE HER LEE'S ADDRESS FROM ONE OF HIS ENVELOPES!



THAT LETTER... ON MY DESK? SHE ADDRESSED IT TO LEE? WHAT DID SHE DO WITH IT?

SHE PASSED RIGHT BY THE POST OFFICE ON HER WAY HOME! I TOLD HER YOU'D BE GLAD IF SHE DROPPED IT OFF FOR YOU! WHY, IS SOMETHING WRONG?



MAYBE I CAN STOP HER! THAT LETTER WASN'T FOR LEE! THAT IS... I... I WANTED TO ENCLOSE SOMETHING IN IT!

YOU CAN DO THAT IN YOUR NEXT LETTER, DEAR! IT WAS SEALED, YOU KNOW! AND I'M SURE DONNA'S MAILED IT BY NOW!



WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? LEE WILL BE HEARTBROKEN WHEN HE READS THAT LETTER! HE'LL NEVER FORGIVE ME! HE'LL NEVER BELIEVE THAT I LOVE HIM... THAT I'VE NEVER LOVED ANYONE ELSE!

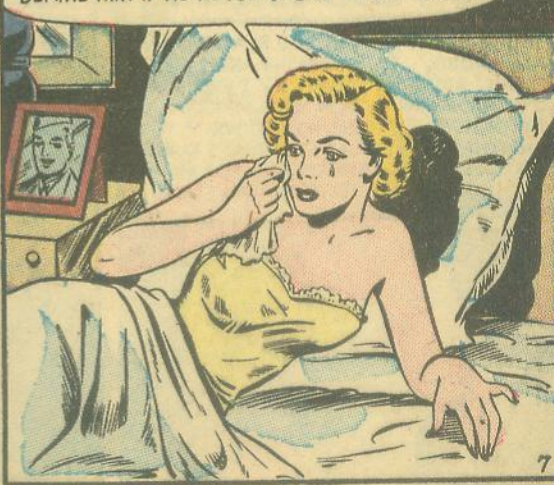


FEAR AND CONFUSION CLUTCHED AT MY HEART, BUT THERE WAS NO WAY TO ERASE THE TERRIBLE MISTAKE THAT HAD BEEN MADE! I TRIED WRITING TO LEE, TO EXPLAIN EXACTLY WHAT HAD HAPPENED! BUT SOMEHOW I COULDN'T FIND THE WORDS TO MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND WHY I HAD LET ANOTHER MAN KISS ME OR WHY I HAD WRITTEN TO WARREN ABOUT LOVE!

WHAT CAN I SAY? THE MORE I TRY TO EXPLAIN, THE MORE GUILTY I SOUND! HOW COULD I LET SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPEN TO US? HOW COULD I DESTROY LEE'S FAITH IN ME?



SOB: IT'S NO USE! WHEN LEE READS THAT LETTER HE'LL BE THROUGH WITH ME! SOB: I COULDN'T BLAME HIM IF HE NEVER SPOKE TO ME AGAIN!



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I DIDN'T WANT IT THIS WAY, LEE! SOB: I'VE BEEN FAITHFUL TO YOU! BUT YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT NOW, WILL YOU? YOU WON'T EVER TRUST ME AGAIN!



I LIVED IN AGONY DURING THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, VISUALIZING OVER AND OVER AGAIN LEE'S SHOCK WHEN HE READ THAT LETTER AND THE HEARTBREAK THAT WOULD FOLLOW! WOULD HE WRITE TO ME? WOULD I HEAR HIS REACTIONS FROM THE BURTONS NEXT DOOR? AND ADDED TO MY SUSPENSE WAS THE REALIZATION THAT WARREN HAD MADE A COMPLETE FOOL OF ME!

I TAKE BACK ALL THAT NONSENSE ABOUT WARREN BEING IN LOVE WITH YOU, DONNA! IT'S A GOOD THING YOU DIDN'T FEEL TOO SORRY FOR HIM AND FALL FOR HIS GIMMICK!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, JUDY!



WELL, FOR ONE THING, I FOUND OUT HE'S BEEN DATING A DIFFERENT GIRL EVERY NIGHT! AND ONE OF THE GIRLS WHO USED TO WORK HERE TOLD ME HE'S PULLED THIS HEARTBROKEN LOVER STUNT BEFORE!

BUT HE SEEMED SO SINCERE! I MEAN... HE ACTED LIKE HE'S REALLY MISERABLE!



THAT'S HIS STANDARD TECHNIQUE! ALL I KNOW IS, HE'S QUITE A ROMEO AND HE PRIDES HIMSELF ON BEING A HEARTBREAKER! FOOLED ME! GOOD THING YOU DIDN'T GIVE HIM A TUMBLE!

I DON'T MIND WARREN MAKING A FOOL OF ME! BUT I'VE HURT LEE BECAUSE OF HIM! HE'S WRECKED MY WHOLE FUTURE JUST TO SATISFY HIS VANITY!



THERE WASN'T MUCH SATISFACTION IN TELLING WARREN WHAT I THOUGHT OF HIM, BUT I HAD TO WORK OFF SOME OF MY IRE!

YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG, HONEY! SURE, I'VE HAD A FEW DATES HERE AND THERE, BUT---

BUT YOU PLAYED ON MY SYMPATHY AND I FELL, DIDN'T I? I FELT SORRY FOR YOU! SORRY ENOUGH TO WRITE YOU A LETTER THAT'S RUINED EVERYTHING FOR ME AND FOR THE MAN I LOVE!

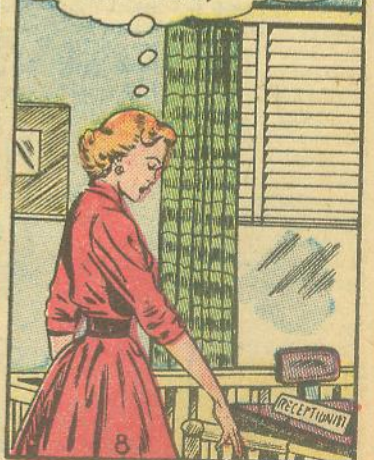


YOU NEVER WROTE ME A LETTER! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL?

I'M NOT BLAMING YOU FOR WHAT I WROTE! I'M BLAMING YOU FOR THE WAY YOU PLAYED ON MY SYMPATHY... THE WAY YOU DECEIVED ME! YOU WANTED MY LOVE, BUT YOU AREN'T EVEN WORTHY OF MY PITY!



A LOT OF GOOD THAT DID! IT WON'T HELP LEE WHEN HE FINDS OUT I LET THAT HEEL MAKE LOVE TO ME!



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I HOPE YOU GAVE WARREN A PIECE OF YOUR MIND, DONNA! YOU'LL BE IN A GOOD MOOD TO GREET YOUR VISITOR! LOOK WHO JUST BREEZED IN!

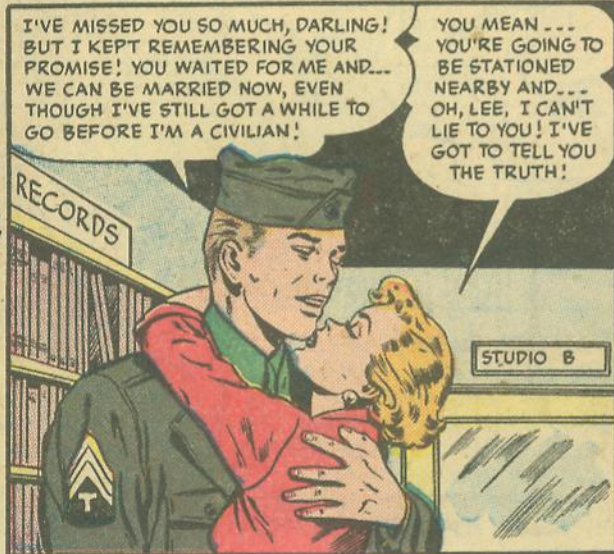
LEE! LEE...IT CAN'T BE YOU!



SURPRISED, SWEETHEART? I TOLD MOM ABOUT THIS, BUT I THOUGHT I'D LIKE TO SEE THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE WHEN I APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE!

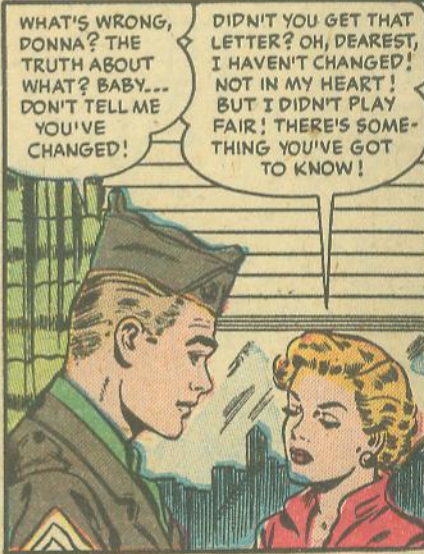
I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY! OH, LEE...IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU! SO WONDERFUL TO HAVE YOU BACK!

BUT NOT EVEN THE WARMTH OF LEE'S ARMS AROUND ME COULD DRIVE THE FEAR OUT OF MY HEART! WAS HE JUST PRETENDING? HADN'T HE READ MY LETTER YET? MY CONSCIENCE BURNED AS HE HELD ME CLOSE AND WHISPERED WORDS OF ENDEARMENT! AND SUDDENLY I COULD STAND IT NO LONGER!



I'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH, DARLING! BUT I KEPT REMEMBERING YOUR PROMISE! YOU WAITED FOR ME AND... WE CAN BE MARRIED NOW, EVEN THOUGH I'VE STILL GOT A WHILE TO GO BEFORE I'M A CIVILIAN!

YOU MEAN... YOU'RE GOING TO BE STATIONED NEARBY AND... OH, LEE, I CAN'T LIE TO YOU! I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH!



WHAT'S WRONG, DONNA? THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT? BABY... DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE CHANGED!

DIDN'T YOU GET THAT LETTER? OH, DEAREST, I HAVEN'T CHANGED! NOT IN MY HEART! BUT I DIDN'T PLAY FAIR! THERE'S SOMETHING YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW!



IT WASN'T EASY TO TELL LEE HOW I HAD MADE A FOOL OF MYSELF AND HOW LIGHTLY I HAD TAKEN MY PROMISE TO BE LOYAL TO HIM! BUT WHEN IT WAS OVER...

I CAN IMAGINE WHAT I'D HAVE DONE IF THAT LETTER HAD REACHED ME! MY OUTFIT'S BEEN MOVING AROUND FOR THE PAST FOUR WEEKS!

IT'LL CATCH UP TO YOU SOME DAY, LEE! BUT... AT LEAST YOU KNOW THE REAL TRUTH NOW! AND...ALL I CAN SAY IS... THAT I'M SORRY!



BY THE TIME THAT LETTER REACHES ME, YOU'LL BE MRS. BURTON, DARLING, AND YOU'LL BE TAKING THE MAIL FROM OUR OWN MAIL BOX! AND WHEN IT COMES, TEAR IT UP AND DON'T BOTHER TO TELL ME ABOUT IT! YOU STILL LOVE ME AND... THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!

MY DEAREST... WHY DID I EVER DOUBT THAT YOU'D UNDERSTAND?



LEE COULD NEVER KNOW HOW HAPPY I AM NOR HOW VERY MUCH I LOVE HIM BUT HE'LL ALWAYS KNOW THAT I COULD NEVER BE UNFAITHFUL TO MY MARINE!

AN UNFORGETTABLE KISS



I DATED BURT LINTER BEFORE HE LEFT SHADY GROVE TO JOIN THE ARMY! ALTHOUGH WE WEREN'T ENGAGED, I PROMISED TO WAIT FOR HIM AND HE VOWED TO RETURN TO ME TO TAKE UP OUR ROMANCE FROM THE VERY MOMENT FATE CALLED HIM AWAY! AS THE LONELY MONTHS WENT BY, I WAS LEFT WITH ONLY DREAMS!

BURT AND I HAD JUST DISCOVERED EACH OTHER WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR PARTING! BUT THAT ONE EVENING WAS UNFORGETTABLE!

TALK ABOUT IRONY! WE'VE LIVED HERE ALL OUR LIVES AND NEVER GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER BEFORE! NOW WE MEET THE DAY BEFORE I'M TO LEAVE!

YOU'LL BE BACK! AND...I WON'T FORGET YOU, BURT!

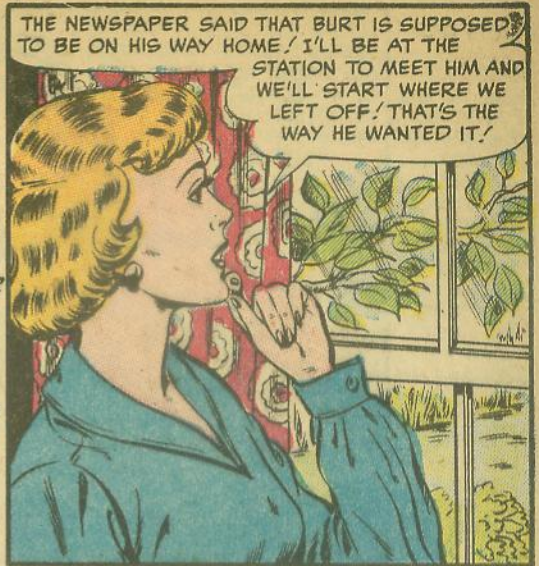
I HAVEN'T ANY RIGHT TO ASK THAT YOU WAIT FOR ME, NORA! LET'S JUST REMEMBER TONIGHT! WHEN I COME BACK, IF YOU'RE STILL FREE... WE'LL TAKE LIFE UP FROM THIS MOMENT!

I'LL BE WAITING, BURT! WAIT AND SEE!

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MANY LONELY MONTHS WENT BY WHEN THE ONLY CERTAINTY IN MY HEART WAS THAT I LOVED BURT LINTER AND THAT HE LOVED ME! AND THEN, AFTER A SEEMING ETERNITY, HE WAS COMING HOME!



I STARTED PLANNING BURT'S WELCOME!
DO YOU THINK HE'LL STILL FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT YOU AFTER ALL HE'S BEEN THROUGH? DON'T FEEL TOO BADLY IF HE SEEMS CHANGED!
HERE I AM, YOUR BEST GIRL FRIEND, AND YOU'VE NEVER EVEN TOLD ME ABOUT IT!



YES, NORA, WHAT MAKES YOU SURE HE HASN'T FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT YOU? YOU SAID HE COULDN'T WRITE THE PAST YEAR... HIS OUTFIT WAS PASSED AT ON A TOP SECRET ASSIGNMENT!
I KNOW HE HASN'T! WHEN HE SEES ME AT THE STATION, IT'LL SEEM THAT NO TIME HAS PASSED AT ALL! I'M GOING TO GET THE GANG TOGETHER AND HAVE A PARTY FOR HIM!



And so...
DON'T FORGET, SATURDAY NIGHT AT MY PLACE! WE'LL GIVE BURT A REAL HOMECOMING!



MAYBE A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL BE AT THE STATION TO GREET BURT, BUT HE'LL BE LOOKING FOR ME! MAYBE IT'S FOOLISH, BUT I KNOW HE NEVER FORGOT THAT KISS...
NEVER FORGOT THAT I'D BE WAITING!



BUT ON FRIDAY MORNING...
I NEVER DREAMED THERE'D BE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE! THE MAYOR... HIS DAUGHTER! BURT WASN'T THAT WELL KNOWN AROUND TOWN, WAS HE?
GUESS MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD! THAT LINTER BOYS COMING HOME! IN A CAPTAIN'S UNIFORM COVERED WITH MEDALS! THAT MAKES HIM A CELEBRITY, SIS!

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OH, IT WAS ALL SO DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY I DREAMED IT WOULD BE! JANICE MERRILL, THE MAYOR'S DAUGHTER, HAD NEVER MET BURT BEFORE, BUT HERS WAS THE FIRST KISS TO WELCOME HIM! BURT WAS A HERO NOW, AN OFFICER! I FELT FOOLISH AND OUT OF PLACE!

IT WAS ALL JUST A ROMANTIC DREAM! BURT'S FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME! HE'S... OUT OF MY CLASS NOW! HE DIDN'T EVEN LOOK TO SEE IF I WAS THERE TO MEET HIM!



I MAY AS WELL FORGET ALL ABOUT HIM... I'LL CALL OFF THAT SILLY PARTY I PLANNED! HE'LL BE TOO BUSY WITH IMPORTANT PEOPLE TO BOTHER ABOUT ME!



BUT SEEING HIM AGAIN, I KNOW THAT I LOVE HIM! I'LL ALWAYS LOVE HIM! MAYBE THAT KISS MEANT NOTHING TO BURT, BUT IT'LL BE WITH ME AS LONG AS I LIVE!



And THE NEXT MORNING'S EDITION OF THE LOCAL PAPER CONFIRMED MY THOUGHTS!

MY! THE MAYOR IS HAVING A RECEPTION FOR BURT THIS WEEK AND THERE'LL BE ALL SORTS OF PARTIES! HE CERTAINLY IS POPULAR!

THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO FORGET ABOUT HIM, MOM! HE... DOES NOT REALLY MEAN ANYTHING TO ME! HE WOULD HAVE CALLED BY NOW! :SOB:



I WAS SO DISCOURAGED, THAT SOMEHOW I DIDN'T THINK OF TELLING THE INVITED GUESTS THE PARTY WAS ALL OFF! IMAGINE MY SHOCK SATURDAY EVENING WHEN...

HI, NORA! THE GUEST OF HONOR GET HERE YET?

WE'RE JUST DYING TO SEE HIM! FROM THE WHIRL HE'S GETTING, WE DIDN'T THINK HE'D COME OVER TO SEE US!



ER... BURT ISN'T HERE! IN FACT, HE... HE WASN'T TOO SURE HE COULD GET HERE! HE'S... TERRIBLY RUSHED!

OH, HE'LL BE HERE! PEGGY TELLS ME BURT HAS A SOFT SPOT IN HIS HEART FOR YOU!



OH, THAT'S... THAT'S JUST PEGGY'S IMAGINATION! REALLY, DON'T EXPECT BURT! I... I DIDN'T REALLY INVITE HIM! NOT... OFFICIALLY, ANYWAY!

SOMETHING TELLS ME NORA IS JUST RIBBING US! I'LL BET SHE AND BURT PULL SOME EXCITING STUNT, LIKE ANNOUNCING THEIR ENGAGEMENT OR SOME-THING!



G.I. SWEETHEARTS

PEGGY ARRIVED AND HELPED ME OUT OF PART OF MY EMBARRASSMENT! BUT THERE WAS NOTHING SHE COULD DO ABOUT BURT!

MOM'S FIXING SANDWICHES AND I SENT MY KID BROTHER TO GET SOFT DRINKS AND STUFF! HONESTLY, NORA, HOW COULD YOU FORGET THAT YOU'D INVITED PEOPLE?

SOMEHOW, WHEN I KNEW BURT WOULDN'T BE HERE, I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THE PARTY! OH, PEGGY, WHAT WOULD I HAVE DONE WITHOUT YOU?



THE QUESTION IS, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITHOUT BURT? WHY IN THE WORLD DIDN'T YOU TALK TO HIM?



WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO? DID YOU SEE TODAY'S PAPER? HE'S IN THE BIG LEAGUES NOW, PEGGY!

JANICE MERRILL IS PLANNING HIS SOCIAL CALENDAR!



And FINALLY THE ORDEAL WAS OVER!

GOOD-NIGHT, NORA! I GUESS MAYBE YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT BURT! MAYBE HE'S DECIDED WE'RE TOO ORDINARY FOR HIM!



I STILL THINK IT WAS A CRUMMY TRICK NOT TO COME! THAT IS...IF YOU'RE SURE YOU INVITED HIM!



IT'LL BE ALL OVER TOWN TOMORROW! NORA VANCE GAVE A PARTY AND THE GUEST OF HONOR DIDN'T SHOW UP! OH, WHAT A FOOL I'VE MADE OF MYSELF!



SICK WITH HUMILIATION, MY GREATEST FEAR WAS THAT BURT WOULD HEAR THE STORY AND LAUGH AT ME! I HAD LOST HOPE THAT HE WOULD TRY TO CONTACT ME AND I KNEW IT WOULD BE EASY TO AVOID HIM! I WASN'T LIKELY TO BE INVITED TO ONE OF JANICE MERRILL'S PARTIES! AND YET ONE DAY...

IT'S BURT! TOO LATE TO HIDE! HE'S SEEN ME!



NORA! NORA!



SINCE I COULDN'T WRITE YOU AND WE HADN'T HEARD FROM EACH OTHER I HAD NO IDEA HOW YOU FELT ABOUT ME... AND THEN I DIDN'T SEE YOU AT THE STATION!



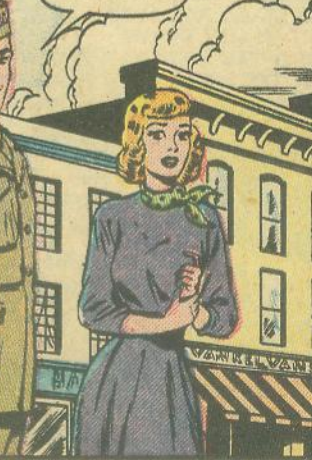
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ABOUT THE LOVELY PARTY SHE GAVE FOR YOU? THE WAY I HEAR IT, SHE DIDN'T GET AROUND TO SENDING YOU YOUR INVITATION!



I THOUGHT IT WAS A PRECIOUS STORY, REALLY! SUCH A UNIQUE IDEA!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, JANICE! WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT, NORA?



G.I. SWEETHEARTS



PERHAPS IF I HADN'T FELT SO COMPLETELY ASHAMED OF THE PARTY INCIDENT, I'D HAVE NOTICED THAT IT WAS JANICE WHO LOOKED AT ME WITH AMUSEMENT, NOT BURT! BUT IN HIS PRESENCE, THE BRAVE FRONT THAT I HAD PUT ON FOR MY FRIENDS BROKE DOWN COMPLETELY! I LOVED HIM... AND MY HOPE THAT HE WOULD RETURN THAT LOVE WAS A CRUMBLING DREAM!



G.I. SWEETHEARTS

And MOMENTS LATER...

YOU...YOU HAVE A VISITOR, NORA! LET ME FINISH CLEARING THE TABLE!

WHO IS IT? WHY ACT SO MYSTERIOUS, MOM?

BURT! I...I SUPPOSE YOU FELT SORRY FOR ME! IF YOU'RE HERE TO OFFER ME YOUR SYMPATHY...

I'M HERE BECAUSE I HAD TO SEE YOU, NORA! WHY DO YOU THINK I CAME BACK TO THIS TOWN?

I DON'T HAVE ANY CLOSE FRIENDS OR RELATIVES HERE, NORA! YET ALL THOSE MONTHS OVERSEAS I KEPT THINKING OF THIS PLACE AS HOME! WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN I'D BE HEADING BACK!

WHY, BURT?

BECAUSE YOU KNEW YOU'D GET A HERO'S WELCOME... FROM... JANICE AND HER CROWD?

NO, NORA! BECAUSE YOU PROMISED I'D FIND YOU HERE! BECAUSE I REMEMBERED A GOOD-NIGHT KISS AND A PROMISE WE MADE!

WE WERE GOING TO START FROM THAT MOMENT... FROM THE TIME I KISSED YOU! ALL THE YEARS IN BETWEEN WEREN'T GOING TO MEAN ANYTHING! AND THEN... WHEN I STEPPED OFF THE TRAIN, YOU WEREN'T THERE!

OH, BURT... BURT, DEAREST, I WAS! I WAS WAITING FOR YOU!

SUDDENLY THE MIS-UNDERSTANDING WAS WIPED AWAY AND I WAS IN BURT'S ARMS, LISTENING TO HIM TELL ME WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR! HE HAD COME HOME TO BE WITH ME! HE HAD ASSUMED I WAS ENGAGED TO SOMEONE ELSE OR THAT I HAD MOVED AWAY AND FORGOTTEN HIM WHEN HE DIDN'T SEE ME!

DARLING! WHEN I SAW YOU WITH JANICE, I THOUGHT...

YOU THOUGHT WRONG, ANGEL! SHE WAS ANNOYING ENOUGH TO BEGIN WITH, BUT WHEN I HEARD HER SNICKERING ABOUT YOUR PARTY, I KNEW SHE WASN'T EVEN WORTHY OF MY FRIENDSHIP!

I'M GLAD YOU CAME TO THE PARTY LATE, DEAR! NOW WE CAN BE ALONE!

AND I CAN TELL YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU, NORA! HOW MANY TIMES I'VE THOUGHT OF THAT FIRST KISS... AND KNEW IN MY HEART THAT YOU'RE THE GIRL I WANT TO MARRY! THIS IS THE HOME-COMING I WANTED!

G.I. SWEETHEARTS

SHE HAD BEAUTY AND CHARM TO SPARE... EVERYTHING A GIRL NEEDS TO BE THE MOST POPULAR DATE IN TOWN! YET, DORIS FENTON WAS INTERESTED ONLY IN THE MAN I LOVED... AND I WAS FORCED TO FIGHT WITH ALL MY STRENGTH TO KEEP THE ONE I WANTED! AND MY HEART KEPT CRYING OUT...

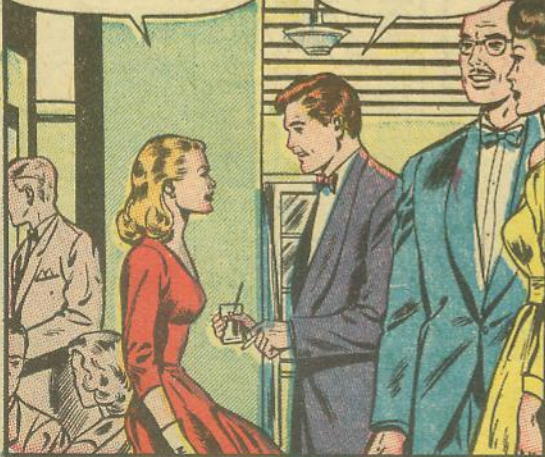
Don't Steal My Soldier



BILL LONG WAS MY FAVORITE DATE! DURING THE TWELVE WONDERFUL MONTHS WE HAD KNOWN EACH OTHER OUR ROMANCE HAD GROWN BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS!

DORIS ALWAYS HAS SUCH GRAND PARTIES, BILL! I'M CERTAINLY GLAD SHE INVITES US EACH TIME!

YOU BET, JEAN! NEVER A DULL MOMENT AT DORIS' PARTIES!



IT'S ODD THAT SHE'S NEVER TAKEN ON A STEADY BOY FRIEND LIKE MOST OF THE GIRLS! I GUESS SHE JUST LIKES TO PLAY THE FIELD AND HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH ONE AND ALL!

GUESS SO! SHE'S CERTAINLY LOTS OF FUN! SAY, LET'S GO OUT FOR A BREATH OF FRESH AIR!



G.I. SWEETHEARTS

No, I DIDN'T SUSPECT AT THAT TIME WHAT OUR GRACIOUS HOSTESS REALLY HAD IN MIND BY INVITING US TO HER PARTIES!

HELLO, YOU TWO! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF DESERTING MY PARTY?



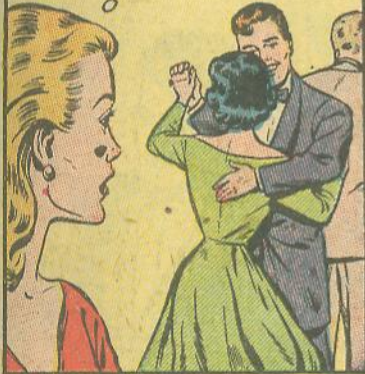
YOU HAVEN'T DANCED WITH ME ALL EVENING, BILL! COME ALONG... IF JEAN DOESN'T MIND, THAT IS!

OF COURSE I DON'T! JUST BECAUSE BILL'S THE BEST DANCER IN TOWN I'M NOT GOING TO HOARD HIM!

OKAY, DORIS, LET'S GO!



HOW FOOLISH DORIS IS NOT TO FIND A BOY OF HER VERY OWN! INSTEAD OF BEING THE LIFE OF THE PARTY TYPE SHE SHOULD SETTLE DOWN WITH A STEADY BOY FRIEND!



IT WAS A WEEK LATER AT A GROUP OUTING THAT DORIS' ACTUAL INTENTIONS BECAME KNOWN TO ME!

WHEEE! BILL'S IN THE LEAD! HE'S GOING TO WIN IT!

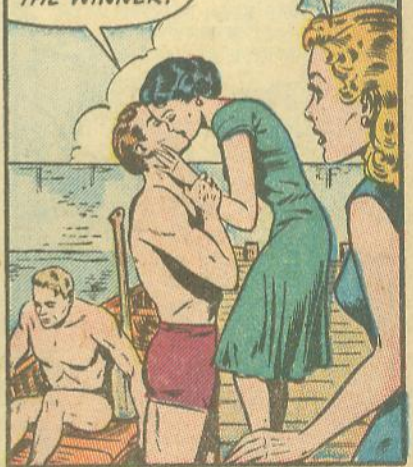
COME ON, BILL!



THEN...

A KISS FOR THE WINNER!

OH-H!

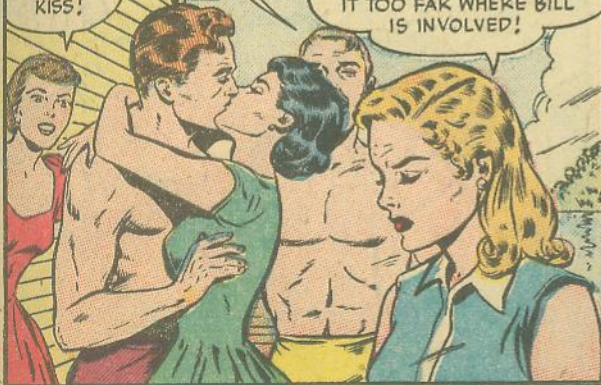


A FLUSH OF EMBARRASSMENT CREPT OVER MY FACE AS DORIS HELD THE KISS SECOND AFTER SECOND!

GOODNESS! THAT'S REALLY A VICTORY KISS!

I'LL SAY!

T-THAT'S DELIBERATELY CHEAP! I-I DON'T CARE HOW CAREFREE SHE IS WITH MEN... BUT IT'S CARRYING IT TOO FAR WHERE BILL IS INVOLVED!



DORIS! THAT WASN'T VERY NICE OF YOU!

OH! AND WHY NOT, JEAN?



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G.I. SWEETHEARTS



JUST HEARD THE NEWS, BILL! GOOD LUCK AT CAMP DALE... I'LL BE SEEING YOU THERE!

SWELL, DORIS! THANKS!

WHAT A TERRIBLE NERVE SHE HAS! S-SHE'S JUST TRYING TO HURT ME!



HOW WRONG I WAS... FOR THE VERY FIRST WEEKEND I VISITED BILL AT CAMP DALE!

DORIS?

BILL, DARLING, IT WAS A SHORT RIDE ON THE TRAIN TO CAMP! I HARDLY NOTICED IT... W-WHY, THERE'S DORIS!



BILL! WHAT IS SHE DOING HERE? D-DID YOU INVITE DORIS TO CAMP THIS WEEK-END ALSO?

HECK, NO, HONEY! I-I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW SHE WAS HERE! TODAY IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN IN THIS CANTEEN!

HI, FOLKS!



ISN'T IT WONDERFUL, I OFFERED MY SERVICE TO THE CAMP CANTEEN AND THEY WERE HAPPY TO ACCEPT ME! I'M GOING TO LIVE NEARBY AND WAIT ON THE SOLDIERS FIVE NIGHTS A WEEK!

I'LL BE HANGED! SAY, THAT'S SWELL, DORIS!

O-H, I SEE!



YES, HE'S MINE NOW... BUT DORIS WILL BE NEAR HIM IN THE DAYS TO COME... WHILE I'M OUT OF HIS SIGHT!

LATER, BILL'S LIPS TOLD ME HE WAS MINE, BUT I COULDN'T HELP WORRYING ABOUT WHAT THE FUTURE MIGHT HOLD FOR OUR ROMANCE!



AND AS I LEFT!

GOSH, JEAN, THIS ISN'T TOO BAD! YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET UP TO CAMP LOTS OF TIMES AND I'LL SOON BE GOING HOME ON A FURLOUGH!

YES, BILL!

S-SHE'S WAITING LIKE A CAT... READY TO STRIKE FOR BILL'S HEART THE MOMENT I'M GONE!



YES, DORIS, YOU'RE HOLDING ALL THE CARDS BUT ONE... THE ACE OF HEARTS! I-I MUSTN'T LOSE FAITH IN OUR LOVE!

G.I. SWEETHEARTS

BUT AT HOME, AWAY FROM BILL AND THE GIRL WHO WANTED HIM, MY CONFIDENCE WAVERED!

R-RIGHT NOW THEY'RE PROBABLY TOGETHER! OH, IT'S MEAN, MEAN TO HAVE ME SO HELPLESS! SHE'S TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS LONELINESS TO FORCE HERSELF UPON HIM!



WHY *SHOULD* I REMAIN HELPLESS? WHY CAN'T I VOLUNTEER FOR WORK AT CAMP DALE ALSO! *T-THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO!*



BUT WHEN I WENT TO THE CANTEEN COMMITTEE THE FOLLOWING WEEK!

MISS SAUNDERS, WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR SERVICES IN THE FUTURE, BUT JUST AT THIS MOMENT WE'RE COMPLETELY FILLED UP WITH VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BIG ARMY CANTEEN DANCE NEXT WEEK!

OH, I SEE! IS THAT SOMETHING SPECIAL?



IT CERTAINLY IS! ONCE A YEAR THE CANTEEN HOLDS A GALA AFFAIR FOR THE BOYS AND THEY ALL BRING THEIR GIRLS! I'M SURE THERE'LL BE ROOM FOR YOU AFTER NEXT WEEK, MISS SAUNDERS!

THANK YOU! I'LL RETURN THEN, MRS. WHITE!



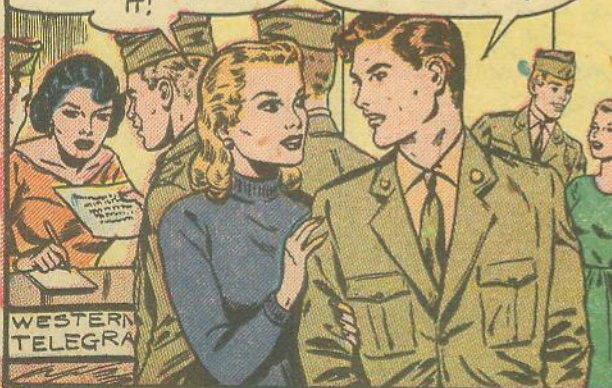
STRANGE THAT BILL HASN'T MENTIONED THE BIG DANCE TO ME IN HIS LETTERS! OH, WELL, HE MUST BE PLANNING TO TELL ME ABOUT IT WHEN I VISIT HIM OVER THE WEEKEND!



BUT WHEN THE WEEKEND CAME!

BILL I UNDERSTAND THE CANTEEN IS HAVING A BIG AFFAIR FOR THE SERVICE-MEN NEXT WEEK! YOUR LETTERS DIDN'T MENTION IT!

OH, SURE THAT'S RIGHT! YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL DUTY OVER THAT WEEKEND AND I'M NOT SURE I CAN ATTEND SATURDAY NIGHT!



OH, THAT'S TOO BAD! IT SOUNDS LIKE LOADS OF FUN!

THERE *IS* A CHANCE I CAN MAKE IT, HONEY! MY SERGEANT'S GOING TO LET ME KNOW SATURDAY MORNING! TELL YOU WHAT... I'LL WIRE YOU AT TEN A.M. SHARP WHETHER I CAN OR NOT! THAT WILL GIVE YOU TIME TO GET THE TRAIN HERE!



G.I. SWEETHEARTS

I THOUGHT THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS WOULD NEVER PASS...FOR A DATE WITH BILL AT THE BIG ARMY DANCE WOULD MEAN A GREAT DEAL!

WHEN DORIS SEES THAT BILL INVITED ME TO THE BIG DANCE SHE'LL HAVE TO ADMIT THAT SHE'S LOST! AFTER ALL THESE WEEKS HER EFFORTS WILL BE WASTED! I-IT WILL PROVE TO HER THAT HE STILL LOVES ME!



FINALLY, SATURDAY MORNING CAME AND---

OH, I'M GLAD I STOPPED BY, JEAN! YOU CAN DRIVE OUT TO THE ARMY DANCE WITH EDDIE AND MYSELF! EVERYBODY'S GOING!

THAT WILL BE WONDERFUL, EDITH, IF ONLY BILL IS FREE TO ATTEND...OH! HERE'S THE MESSENGER BOY NOW!



THEN---

H-HE CAN'T GO! OH, EDITH, I'M SO DISAPPOINTED!

WHAT A SHAME! MY BOY FRIEND AND I ARE GOING TO THE DANCE! WHY NOT GO WITH US?

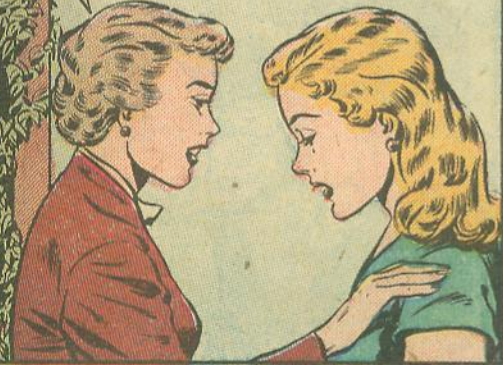


YOU CAN'T HAVE ANY FUN ALONE BROODING ABOUT THE HOUSE! AND, BESIDES, PERHAPS THERE WILL BE SOME LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN BILL'S PLANS!

WHY, YES, THERE MIGHT BE AT THAT!

I-IT CAN'T HURT ANY...I GUESS!

I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT THREE HOURS LATER AT THE ARMY CANTEEN! MY HOPES AND DREAMS FELL CRASHING AT MY FEET!



OH-H!

JEAN!



C'MON, HONEY, DORIS HAS BEEN FILLING IN A DANCE FOR YOU!

BILL, THERE IS NO NEED TO TRY AND FOOL ME! YOU DIDN'T EXPECT ME HERE! WHY TRY TO HIDE YOUR TRUE FEELINGS! I...UNDERSTAND!

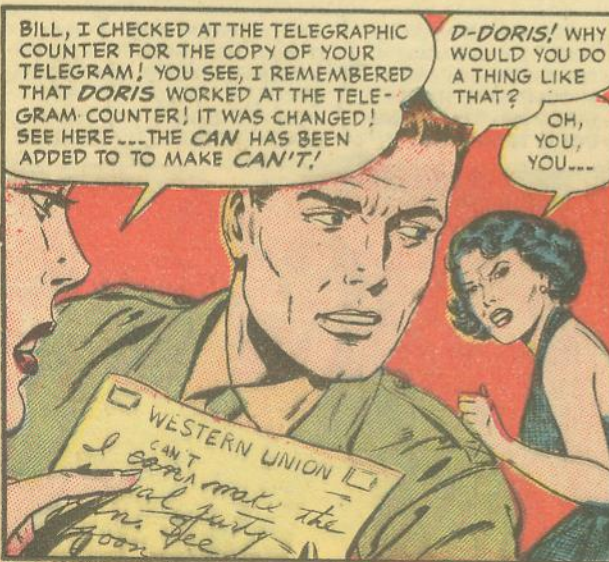
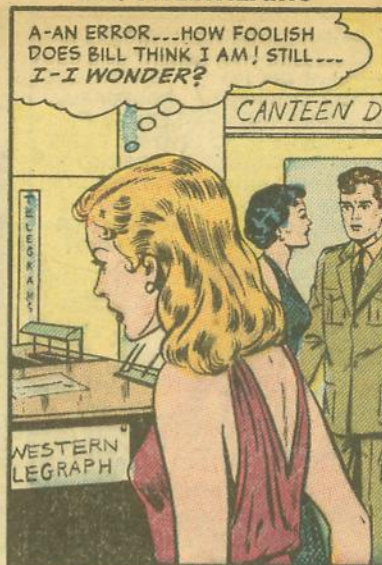
THERE WAS NO NEED TO WIRE, "I CAN'T MAKE THE PARTY," BILL! YOU SHOULD HAVE SIMPLY WIRED ME, "I'M TAKING DORIS TO THE PARTY!"

WHA...! GREAT CATS IT MUST HAVE BEEN A TELEGRAPHER'S ERROR! I WIRED YOU "I CAN" MAKE THE DANCE, JEAN!

BILL! GOT TO SEE YOU A MINUTE!



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ARMY BRAT

I WAS an "Army brat!" In other words, the daughter of a career soldier, who had spent all his life in military service from his days at the Academy until now, when he commanded an Army base. Mother had died only a few years back and I found myself immersed in loneliness as time went on. Dad's duties kept him busy at all hours and then of course there was the usual round of social activities at the big base for which I was dad's official hostess.

At last I started to find these parties wonderfully exciting and the young officers I met all seemed dashing and romantic. Then, one night after a large dinner party, dad took me aside for a talk. "In your position, Joan," he said seriously, "you'll have to be careful about the attentions you accept from the young men you meet." And he went on to explain that I had a certain reputation to maintain as his daughter and must not allow myself to fall in love with any one particular officer. "In other words," he continued, "play the field, don't concentrate on anyone. You have a long while before you need to think about marriage, dear." It was the first time dad had talked to me on such a subject and for a time, I felt much closer to him. Then the many nights alone, while he attended to official matters, began to pall and I thought back over his words, "Play the field." That's why I accepted an officer's invitation to that first holiday party at the Officer's Club. Our group was large and I had a wonderfully gay time, whirling from the arms of one man to another as the dance continued. The orchestra was made up of enlisted men and the music was divine. A good looking Corporal was the vocalist and by the time he had sung three numbers all the girls at our table were in raptures about him. I must admit that I found him attractive too, and when I ran into him during intermission as I returned from refreshing my make-up, I was suddenly thrilled by his physical nearness. My evening bag clattered to the floor and he bent to retrieve it. When our eyes met again, I knew he was as attracted to me as I was to him. I mumbled a confused, "Thank you." He smiled warmly, and apologized for bumping into me, and then he left to join the other members of the orchestra.

In the months that followed, I became the camp butterfly. I don't think there was a party or a dance that I didn't attend, and usually on the arm of a different officer. I was taking dad's advice to heart. The Corporal sang with the

orchestra at many of these functions and by checking, I discovered that his name was Ed Regan. We always smiled and nodded to one another when we met, but that was all. And I wished with all my heart that there could be more to our brief encounters. Never before had I been so excited by the mere sight of a man and when I learned that he was working in dad's headquarters, I started finding flimsy excuses to visit the office. Before long, Ed and I were on restrained speaking terms and I found that more frustrating than not talking to him at all.

Then one day in town as I stopped my car in front of a department store, Ed came swinging out of the building. He stopped suddenly at the sight of me opening the car door and he just stared. I returned his stare, the blood pounding through my veins and my heart beating madly. Without saying a word, he walked over to the car and stepped in. I drove out of town slowly, both of us now slightly embarrassed and unable to find much to say. Finally I stopped the car and turned to him. In a moment we were in a passionate embrace. All the longing and love I had stored up for this man was poured into our ecstatic kisses. As we clung together I knew that he was the one man in the world for me and I wanted desperately for Ed to say that he loved me. Finally, unable to restrain myself, I blurted out that I loved him, that I had loved him since the first moment I'd seen him. He looked amazed. "But, Joan, I thought you were just another Army brat amusing yourself with a soldier. That's why I've been so nervy . . . why, you haven't dated the same guy twice." Then I told Ed about dad's advice and I also admitted that after I'd seen him at that first dance, he was the only man I wanted to be with, ever. He hesitated so long after my tumble of words, that I held my breath in fear of what his reply might be. But it was all right, he confessed that he had loved me from that first moment, too, but had felt that I was so far out of his reach that he couldn't ever hope for anything real between us. We returned to the base in a pink haze.

Ed and I will be married in a few months, but it will be Mr. and Mrs. Ed Regan, because by then he'll have his long-awaited discharge papers. Dad was a little surprised when I first told him the news, but he likes Ed tremendously and he seems quite pleased that I'll be a true civilian at last, and no longer an Army brat.

I DIDN'T WANT TO FALL FOR HIM

I... I DON'T SEE ROY...
 :SOB! :SOB!... HE DOESN'T
 EVEN CARE ENOUGH FOR
 ME TO WAVE GOODBYE! I
 KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN...
 :SOB!... THAT'S WHY I
 TRIED TO SUPPRESS
 MY LOVE... :SOB!

EXPERIENCE HAD TAUGHT ME THE FALSE ROMANTIC WAYS OF
 MEN IN UNIFORM AND SO I VOWED THAT THEIR LIES WOULD
 NEVER HURT MY HEART! BUT THEN FATE TRAPPED ME INTO
 DATING SGT. ROY WILSON AND I FOUND MYSELF HEAD-
 OVER-HEELS IN LOVE... WITH A MAN I FELT COULDN'T
 POSSIBLY BE INTERESTED IN ONE GIRL!

It WAS
 THE THIRD
 TIME IN
 AS MANY
 WEEKS
 THAT MY
 GIRL
 FRIEND
 BESS
 REQUESTED
 ME TO
 DOUBLE
 DATE
 WITH HER!
 MY
 ANSWER
 REMAINED
 UN-
 CHANGED!

I'M SORRY, BESS...
 BUT I COULDN'T
 POSSIBLY GO OUT
 WITH SERGEANT
 WILSON THIS
 EVENING! PER-
 HAPS SOME
 OTHER TIME!

THIS IS THE
 THIRD DATE
 YOU'VE REFUSED,
 SHIRLEY! WHAT-
 EVER IS WRONG
 WITH YOU? YOU
 NEVER DATE ANY OF
 THE G.I.S FROM
 CAMP!

I-I JUST DON'T HAVE THE
 TIME, BESS! THE CAMP
 CLUB KEEPS ME SO
 BUSY! WHY... RIGHT NOW
 I'M WORKING ON THE
 "LUCKY SOLDIER"
 CONTEST FOR
 FRIDAY NIGHT!

WELL, IT'S YOUR LIFE,
 SHIRLEY! BUT I THINK
 YOU ARE CRAZY TO
 TURN DOWN A DATE
 WITH SGT. WILSON!

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CONGRATULATIONS, SERGEANT! NOW WHICH ONE OF OUR PRETTY HOSTESSES DO YOU WISH TO DATE FOR A WEEK?

THERE SHE IS... SHIRLEY RUSH!

W-WHAT?



IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A FEW DATES TOGETHER, SHIRLEY! I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND!

NOT... AT ALL! YOU WON, DIDN'T YOU?

As I DANCED WITH ROY WILSON THE IRONY OF THE SITUATION ENTERED MY THOUGHTS!

THE MAN I REFUSED TO DATE... AND NOW I FIND MYSELF IN HIS ARMS! I HAVE ONLY MYSELF TO BLAME! THE CONTEST PRIZE WAS MY OWN IDEA!



SAY, SHIRLEY! LET'S LEAVE AND TAKE IN A MOVIE!



ANYTHING YOU SAY, SERGEANT!

AW, COME ON, SHIRLEY! WIPE THAT FREEZE OFF YOUR FACE AND BE A GOOD SPORT!



I'M SORRY! IT'S JUST THAT YOUR SELECTION OF ME WAS SUCH A SURPRISE, SERGEANT!

FORGET IT! AND MY FIRST NAME IS ROY! THAT "SERGEANT" IS STRICTLY FOR THE ARMY!



LATER, AS ROY SAW ME HOME!

YOU'RE WONDERFUL COMPANY, SHIRLEY! REALLY... I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'VE HAD SO MUCH FUN ON A DATE!

REALLY...

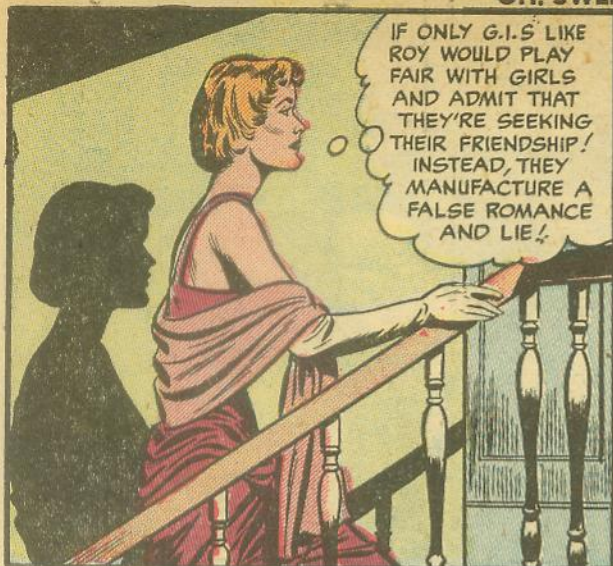
HERE IT COMES... THE ROMANTIC LINE THAT EVERY G.I. IN CAMP HANDS OUT TO A GIRL! WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO BE TAKEN IN!



IT'S RATHER LATE, ROY! I'D BETTER BE GOING IN NOW! GOOD NIGHT... AND THANKS!

H-HUH? OH, I GUESS I FORGOT THE TIME! DON'T FORGET TOMORROW NIGHT, SHIRLEY! WE'VE GOT A DATE FOR THE BAND CONCERT!

G.I. SWEETHEARTS



IF ONLY G.I.'S LIKE ROY WOULD PLAY FAIR WITH GIRLS AND ADMIT THAT THEY'RE SEEKING THEIR FRIENDSHIP! INSTEAD, THEY MANUFACTURE A FALSE ROMANCE AND LIE!



I SUPPOSE BEFORE THE WEEK IS OUT ROY WILL TRY TO WIN ME OVER WITH COUNTLESS ROMANTIC LINES! BUT I'M NOT LIKE OTHER GIRLS... I WON'T FALL FOR THEM!

Those WERE BRAVE WORDS THAT EVENING! BUT AS THE DAYS PASSED AND I DATED ROY EACH NIGHT THE SITUATION TOOK A FRIGHTENING TURN!



SHIRLEY, YOU KNOW WHEN I DANCE WITH YOU IT'S LIKE BEING ON A CLOUD! THE WORLD JUST SEEMS TO STOP AND STAND STILL!

IT IS DREAMY, ROY!



GOOD GRIEF! WHAT AM I SAYING? ROY'S WINNING ME OVER! I-I MUST KEEP ON GUARD!



HEY... ANYTHING WRONG?

ER...NOTHING, ROY! IT'S JUST THAT... WELL, WE HAD BETTER LEAVE! I'M RATHER TIRED!



AS WE SAID GOOD NIGHT THAT EVENING I FOUND MYSELF TORN BETWEEN TWO THOUGHTS! IT WAS TORTURE!

KISS ME, ROY! I WANT YOU TO SO VERY MUCH! NO! DON'T... IT WILL ONLY LEAD TO HEART-BREAK FOR ME IN THE END!

GOSH, SHIRLEY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO TOMORROW! NIGHT LIFE IS REALLY DEAD AROUND HERE! I'LL BE GLAD WHEN I SHIP OUT OF CAMP!



OH? I THOUGHT MOST OF THE G.I.'S LIKED THIS CAMP!

IT'S NOT THAT, SHIRLEY! A GUY CAN GET MIGHTY SICK OF THE SAME LOCATION AFTER AWHILE! WELL, THAT ISN'T SOLVING OUR PROBLEM ABOUT TOMORROW NIGHT!

G.I. SWEETHEARTS

PERHAPS...YOU'D LIKE TO VISIT ME TOMORROW EVENING! MOM AND DAD WOULD LET US HAVE THE LIVING ROOM! WE COULD WATCH TELEVISION!

GOSH, DO YOU REALLY MEAN IT, SHIRLEY? I-I KINDA HAD THE IDEA YOU DIDN'T LIKE ME TOO WELL!

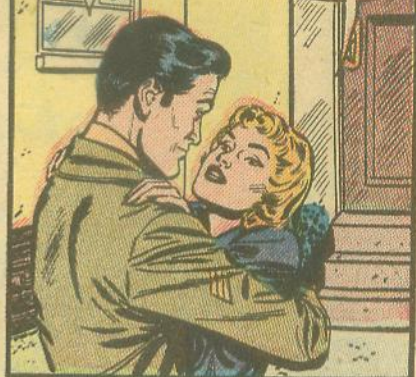
FOR SOME UNEXPLAINABLE REASON ROY'S WORDS FILLED MY HEART WITH FEAR! INSTINCTIVELY I REACHED UP WITH MY HAND AND...

ROY... PLEASE! DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS!

WHY, SHIRLEY?

YOU DO CARE FOR ME! HONEY...YOU DON'T KNOW HOW HAPPY THAT MAKES ME! I-I'VE DREAMED OF THIS...BUT I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD HAPPEN!

OH, ROY... ROY! KISS ME!



As ROY HELD ME IN HIS POWERFUL ARMS I SURRENDERED MY HEART TO HIM THEN AND THERE! FOR I HAD NEVER KNOWN SUCH A WONDERFUL MOMENT IN ALL MY LIFE!



IN THE SILENCE OF MY ROOM THAT EVENING MY SUDDEN HAPPINESS WAS SHATTERED AS I FACED REALITY!

I'M...IN LOVE WITH ROY! HE'S SUCCEEDED IN CAPTURING MY HEART! BUT TO HIM I'M JUST ANOTHER GIRL...HE'LL FORGET ME THE MOMENT HE'S SHIPPED FROM CAMP!



WHY...SOB! SOB!... WHY DID I EVER HAVE TO MEET ROY! SOON... SOB!...HE'LL SLIP FROM MY LIFE AND I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN! IT'S... SOB!...SO CRUEL!

I MUST MAKE THE MOST OF THE TIME I HAVE WITH ROY BEFORE HE GOES! AT LEAST...I'LL HAVE THOSE MEMORIES DURING THE LONELY HOURS WITHOUT HIM! A GIRL IS SO HELPLESS WHEN SHE FALLS IN LOVE!



G.I. SWEETHEARTS

The
MOMENT
I HAD
DREADED
SO LONG
FINALLY
ARRIVED!
WEEKS
LATER
ROY'S
TRAINING
WAS
COMPLETED
AND WE
HAD OUR
LAST
DATE
TOGETHER!

GOSH, IT'S HARD
TO BELIEVE I'M
SHIPPING OUT!
FOR AWHILE I
COULD HARDLY
WAIT TO LEAVE...
BUT NOW...

DON'T SAY IT, ROY... YOU
DON'T HAVE TO SOFTEN
OUR PARTING! TO YOU I
WAS JUST A GIRL TO
DATE... A COMPANION!
ALL I ASK NOW IS TO SEE
YOU EVERY MOMENT
POSSIBLE BEFORE
YOU LEAVE!



I'M GOING TO
MISS YOU,
SHIRLEY!

ROY... LET'S NOT SAY GOOD-
BYE TONIGHT! ALL THE GIRLS
ARE SEEING THEIR BOY
FRIENDS OFF AT THE TRAIN
STATION IN THE MORNING!
WE'LL SAVE OUR GOOD-
BYES TILL THEN!



I'LL...
WRITE
YOU EVERY
DAY,
SHIRLEY!

PLEASE, ROY... YOU
DON'T HAVE TO KID
ME! YOU'LL FORGET
ME IN A MATTER OF
DAYS... BUT I'LL
ALWAYS
REMEMBER
YOU!



With TEARS IN MY EYES I WENT
TO THE STATION BRIGHT AND
EARLY THE FOLLOWING MOR-
NING! BUT THE TRIP ONLY
DEEPENED MY SORROW!

ROY... SOB!...
CARED SO LITTLE
FOR ME HE DIDN'T
EVEN BOTHER TO
MEET ME AND
SAY GOODBYE!
WHY SHOULD
HE... SOB! SOB!
THIS ROMANCE
OF OURS IS
OVER... FOR
HIM... SOB!...



I TRIED TO PROTECT MYSELF
AGAINST SUCH HEARTBREAK...
SOB!... BUT NO PERSON CAN
CONTROL THEIR EMOTIONS...
SOB!... I MUST FORGET
HIM... W-WHA...!

SHIRLEY,
HONEY!



ROY! YOU
MISSED THE
TRAIN! OH...
THEY'LL COURT
MARTIAL YOU!

THEY TOOK ME OFF THE SHIPMENT
AT THE LAST MINUTE, SHIRLEY! YOU
SEE, I VOLUNTEERED FOR CADRE
AT THE CAMP AND LAST NIGHT
AFTER I LEFT YOU, I FOUND MY
NAME POSTED ON THE BULLETIN
BOARD FOR REASSIGNMENT
HERE!



THEY WERE SHORT SOME
NON-COMS AND I SAW A
CHANCE TO BE NEAR YOU!
HONEY... PERHAPS WE
COULD EVEN GET
MARRIED... IF YOU
LOVE ME ENOUGH!

OH, DEAREST, OF
COURSE I DO! IT WAS
YOUR LOVE... YOUR
SINCERITY I DOUBTED!
HOW SILLY OF ME TO
THINK THAT OF MEN IN
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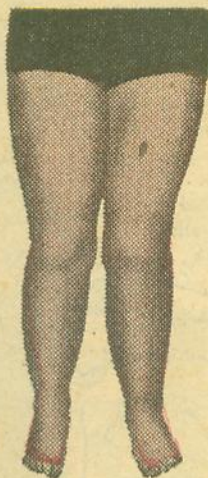
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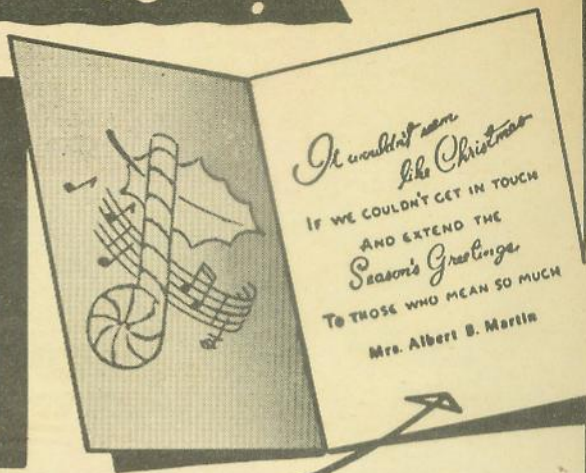
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